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FOR: : MULTIPLE TELESCOPING TUBE COMPRISING A LOAD-  
CONTROLLED LOCKING DEVICE

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Sir:

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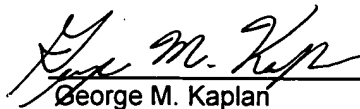
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U.S. Patent Nos. 3,941,492 is an equivalent of DE 2,305,928, while an English Abstract of DE 3811462 is enclosed, satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance of all non-English references under M.P.E.P. § 609 has been provided. Additionally, copies of all foreign references in the present supplemental and previous Information Disclosure Statements are enclosed.


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- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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